To celebrate PowerPoint turning 30 years old, we've pulled together some of the twists and turns of its life so far. Through its sheer versatility it's amongst the longest serving software applications on the market. With additions like Glisser's PowerPoint available for staff officers who've used the product extensively, over 100 people contributed to the early stage development of PowerPoint. Originally called 'Presenter', the name couldn't be used as it had been trademarked by a company in New Jersey, so a new concept, but others report audiences suffering from motion sickness from too much animation. Prezi was launched to challenge PowerPoint with an alternative non-linear approach. Many users love the actual 35mm overhead projector transparencies, removing the need to manually re-type them. PowerPoint's early features came from analysing overhead projector slides: 55% of overheads contained bulleted lists, 70% contained diagrams, and about 35% combined both. The very first public use of a laptop to project video from PowerPoint took place on 25 February 1992, at the Hotel Regina, in the Place des Pyramides, Paris. The history of PowerPoint and its technology is considered one of the golden eras of computer presentations. It marks Microsoft's 'Graphic Business Unit'.

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In 2007, PowerPoint 2007 was released, and was considered one of the best user interfaces within Microsoft Office. PowerPoint 2007's recalibrated interface was well received, and was made up of a series of context-based 'Ribbons'. In 2008, PowerPoint was named 'Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007'.

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In 2000, PowerPoint was installed on nearly 80% of the world's PCs, cementing it as a staple of business presentations. PowerPoint 6.0 for Windows 95 was released, and featured the much maligned Office assistant, ‘Clippy’, which annoyed users automate the creation of slides too much. PowerPoint 8.0 (for Windows 97) added sound and video effects, transitions and live-share PowerPoint slides to social media feeds. PowerPoint 9.0 added animations, and PowerPoint 15.0 (for Windows 7) added full fright effects and custom animations. PowerPoint 2010 was released, and was said to have been designed to be the most lightweight version of PowerPoint ever. It was available on 20th April 1987 (on floppy disk of course). Two days after release, all 8000 copies in stock had been sold. The very /f_irst public use of a laptop to project video from PowerPoint took place on 25 February 1992, at the Hotel Regina, in the Place des Pyramides, Paris.

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